

PANEL QUESTIONS

DATA AND MONITORING

Questions:

1. What are the strengths and weaknesses of various methods for estimation of by-catch including consideration of observer programs, self-reporting systems, and alternative approaches such as video monitoring systems? How can we improve performance of each approach?
2. How can we most effectively develop by-catch monitoring programs that address stock assessment, fishery management, and protected species requirements in an integrated fashion.
3. What are the most effective approaches to minimizing bias in estimation of by-catch and maximizing the precision of the estimates?
4. What are the most effective avenues in enlisting cooperation of stakeholders in developing and carrying out by-catch monitoring programs?